METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GRAPHICALLY MANAGING RESOURCES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Mechanisms and techniques are disclosed that provide a graphical user interface and associated processing operations for performing management of resources in a network environment such as a storage area network. In one configuration, the system displays a plurality of resource tasks in a task display area on a graphical user interface and displays a plurality of resource objects in a resource display area on the graphical user interface. The system then receives a selection of one or more resource tasks identifying function(s) to apply to a selection of resource objects. The system then applies the function(s) associated with each selected resource task to the selection of resource objects to produce a set of resource information and displays the resource information for each resource object view panel(s) in an shared output display area for viewing by a user of the graphical user interface. This allows a user to apply multiple task functions to multiple selected resources and allows a user to display the results for all selected resource objects in a shared output display area.